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In re National Application of:)
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 Maurizio Tosin and Francesco Degli Innocenti)
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For: **BIODEGRADABLE COMPOSITIONS
 COMPRISING STARCH AND
 POLYSACCHARIDE ESTERS**

New York, New York
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
 Box PCT
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Please substitute the attached annexes to the International Preliminary
 Examination Report for pages 13-16 of the published PCT Application WO 00/12616.

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "according to Claim 1 or 2" and insert --according to
 claim 1--.

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